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Plans For School Building Approved South of High School on Main Street Will Cost \$58,000--Met by Bond Issue

At a largely attended meeting of the citizens of the town in Town Hall last Friday evening, the sum of \$58,000 was approved for the purpose of erecting a new school building, to replace the loss of the Center school by fire several weeks ago.

After the Moderator had called the meeting to order and the Town Clerk had read the warrant, Miss C. Ina Merriman and Charles L. Johnson were named as tellers. George W. Carr, Chairman of the special school building committee presented the report of the Committee by calling upon Bernhard Dirks, the architect selected to present the plans and sketches of the proposed building and the arrangement of the floor plans. These plans were mounted on a background in view of the audience and at the close of the description, many from the floor asked questions. After a full and complete discussion, it was voted on motion of Dr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Moody "that the committee be instructed to build the school on the High school lot and on such portion of the Alexander lot as may be necessary, as soon as the legal aspects of the Alexander property case is finished and the removal of the buildings can be made." The vote was 114 for to 51 against.

The finance committee recommended that the town be bonded for \$45,000, to be paid at the rate of \$4500 with interest each year for 10 years and that \$13,000 be taken from the excess and deficiency fund. This was adopted. The sum of \$10,500 has been received by the town treasurer from fire insurance.

The new building will have eight class rooms, a teachers room, a large lunch room, a clinic room, and adequate facilities for toilets and heating. It will be of sufficient size to care for the consolidation of the public schools, whenever consolidation is so ordered.

The building will be of colonial design, with a turret on the roof. The main entrance will face Main street and the architecture is in keeping with that of the high school. It will be of one story in height facing Main street, but the slope of the land permits a two-story from the rear.

It is expected that the Alexander property tangle will soon be cleared up and chairman Holton of the selectmen, stated that the town's attorney, John H. Bartlett is busily engaged upon the matter. The town voted also in favor of vocational instruction at the high school.

It is understood that plans and specifications for the new school building will be immediately prepared by Architect Dirks, and they will be submitted to the state for approval. After all preliminary work has been accomplished, bids will be requested for construction and the contract let. It is hoped to have the building ready for occupancy next September when school reopens after the summer recess. The building committee consists of George W. Carr, chairman, Mrs. Carroll Miller, Sidney Given, Fred A. Holton, Frank H. Montague and Ross L. Spencer. The evening meeting of the town continued to about ten o'clock and all business was conducted in a most orderly fashion. William F. Hoehn was Moderator and Mrs. Josephine Haskell, town clerk.

Receive Bequest

A bequest of \$4900 was received by the Northfield schools this week from the estate of Mrs. Fannie Look of Los Angeles who died in 1936. Mrs. Look, a former resident of Florence, Mass., had been a donor to the schools since 1918.

Hour of Music At The Sage Chapel

A Studio Hour of Music will take place in Sage chapel at 4:15 o'clock this afternoon (Friday). Participants will be the students in the music department at Northfield seminary. They include Winona Robinson and Helen Savcheff of this town, Susan Estey and Mary Cabot Holbrook of Brattleboro as well as the following resident students of the Seminary, Marion Adams, Margaret Riggs, Janet Sabine, Mary Jane Ullman, Jane Riley, Jane Boyd, Mary Cochran, Jane Meyer and Sue Merriam.

Townpeople are cordially invited to attend this Studio Hour.

Hermion - Seminary Sunday Speakers

Two members of the board of trustees of the Northfield schools will speak at the schools this weekend.

Dr. Boynton Merrill, pastor of the Second church in Newton and a frequent speaker at Northfield, will speak at both services in Memorial chapel at Mount Hermon. Communion will be observed at vespers. Services are at 10:30 and 5 o'clock.

Dr. Robert E. Speer, ex-moderator of the Presbyterian church and a former secretary of the Presbyterian Missions board, will address the students of Northfield seminary in Sage chapel at 11 a. m. The new church cabinet will be installed at 5 o'clock vespers.

The Way To Peace Was Speakers Theme

American's will be unwilling to pay the high price for peace, prophesied Paul Harris Jr., interpreter of world affairs in speaking to over 100 people at the Mount Hermon school Social hall Monday night.

Mr. Harris commented that the Northfield-Mount Hermon chapter of the Fellowship of Reconciliation which sponsored the meeting, was not responsible for his opinions.

The price of peace would require clear, intelligent thinking on a world scale, he declared. Necessary measures entailing sacrifice would include release of part of United States-controlled gold, 80 per cent of the world's total. Clarification of the Monroe Doctrine to specify just what territory it covers would simplify the army and navy's problem, he stated.

Other constructive measures would include lowered tariffs with buffer-funds aiding the adjustment of industry; a national stand on foreign policy and human sympathy with war victims.

Warlike measures have logically bred new wars, he commented, outlining the course of invasions in the past. Many remained for the question and answer period, when Mr. Harris discussed such subjects as the power of small groups to influence national affairs, and non-violent resistance to violence.

The Friendly Class

The final seasons meeting of the Friendly class of the Congregational church was held at the home of Mrs. Edgar J. Livingston on Monday evening, with Rev. E. Lyon of Millers Falls as the guest speaker. The evening was devoted to the hobbies of different members. Rev. Mr. Lyon brought with him a large collection of stamps for display. Other hobbies of the members were: Photography, collecting of buttons, crocheting, study of birds, plants, scrapbooks, etc. Mrs. Clara Alexander had a button at the meeting which was 100 years old. The hostesses were Mrs. K. Livingston, Mrs. C. Griswold and Mrs. R. Marton.

The Red Cross Appeal Our Local Quota \$571 A. P. Fitt Chairman

The drive to raise Franklin county quota of \$8000 for the American Red Cross, in aid of the relief of human suffering and misery in the war torn lands of Europe gets under way this week. The quota for Northfield has been fixed at \$571 and Arthur P. Fitt, has been named as chairman of the local appeal. Mr. Fitt who has just returned from a few days vacation spent with his daughter and family at Lewiston, Me., will form his committee for local action. The quota for Mount Hermon is \$210 with Prof. Roy R. Hatch, named as chairman. Gov. Leverett Saltonstall in a statement regarding the raising of the fund of \$10,000,000 throughout the nation, asks for a generous response from the citizens of Massachusetts. He says "Massachusetts has always shown its sympathy in a practical way and our hearts go with our gifts to those in need."

John W. Haigis of Greenfield, chairman for the county, says that he "expects the response to the appeal in the county to be prompt and generous." "The citizens of Northfield will not overlook the appeal, and will readily respond, as in former periods of distress" said Fred A. Holton, chairman of our selectmen. The quotas for the county towns is as follows:

Ashfield, \$157; Bernardston, \$98; Charlemont, \$114; Colrain, \$129; Conway, \$79; Deerfield, \$800; Erving, \$38; Gill, \$25; Greenfield, \$3000; East Hawley, \$13; West Hawley, \$8; Heath, \$50; Leverett, \$42; Leyden, \$28; Millers Falls, \$144; Mount Hermon, \$210; Monroe Bridge, \$49; Moores Corner and North Leverett, \$19; Montague, \$114; New Salem, \$42; Northfield, \$571; Orange, \$487; Riverside, \$37; Rowe, \$56; Shelburne Falls, \$39; Buckland, \$78; Shelburne Center, \$78; Shutesbury, \$36; South Deerfield, \$170; Sunderland, \$133; Turners Falls, \$742; Wendell, \$11; Warwick, \$27; Whately, \$123.

Local persons who desire to make an immediate contribution to the fund may send their checks directly to Mr. Fitt in the Book-store building at East Northfield.

Wedded In Northfield At Home Of Dr. Dean

A very pretty home wedding took place at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean of Main street last Saturday afternoon, when his sister, Miss Marion L. Dean of Greenfield became the bride of Nelson G. Morse of Amherst. Rev. A. Albert Higgins of the Greenfield Methodist church officiated with the double ring ceremony. The wedding music was played by Bernice Sargent a friend of the bride. Her matron of honor was Mrs. Dean, who wore a peach colored chiffon gown and carried talisman roses. Dr. Dean was best man. Miss Janet Dean was the flower girl. The brides dress was of light blue lace and tulle and she carried a bouquet of pink roses, delphiniums and baby's breath.

For her wedding trip Mrs. Morse wore a blue sheer redingote with white accessories. They will visit Niagara Falls, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois and then go to Albuquerque, N. M., where they will be at home at 3850 West Central Ave., after June 1.

Mrs. Morse was born in Greenfield and graduated from DePaul university and the Northampton Commercial college. For the past three years she has been employed at the Mass. State college library.

Mr. Morse was born in Plymouth, N. H., graduated from Deerfield academy and attended Boston university. He has been in the retail business in Amherst for the past few years and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Morse of Amherst.

Students Will Hear "Poet Of Maine"

Prof. Wilbert Snow of Wesleyan, known as the Poet of Maine, will speak at each of the Northfield schools next Wednesday. Prof. Snow is the author of several volumes of poetry from which he will read at the service in Sage chapel at 10:10 a. m. and the noon assembly at Mount Hermon in Camp Hall. He is also the writer of the Tercentenary Ode which was used during the celebration of the Connecticut Tercentenary in 1936.

Mount Hermon Church Holds Annual Meeting In Thriving Condition

The 41st annual meeting of the Mount Hermon church was held in the Social Hall last Sunday evening with the pastor, Dr. Glover Johnson as moderator. Grove Deming was clerk.

Reports of the various committees of the church were read and approved. The treasurer reported expenditures of \$2089.53 and income of \$2137.50, leaving a balance on hand of \$67.97. The missionary committee reported appropriations amounting to \$1004.59 to 89 different units representing many parts of the world. Fifty-three Hermon missionaries, for example, received a \$5 check at Christmas time. One hundred dollars went to the work of the Salvation Army. The school raised \$200 for the rehabilitation of Chinese educational institutions destroyed in the war.

Election of officers resulted as follows: Moderator, Dr. Johnson; clerk, Grove Deming; treasurer, Arthur Platt; director of church music, Melvin Gallagher; music representative on the executive committee, Robert Darrone; head usher, George Laurence; chairman of the missionary committee, Harry A. Erickson; deaconesses, Mrs. Alexander Gibson and Miss Betty Woodruff; faculty deacons, Alexander Gibson, Daniel E. Bodley, George Hanna, and William Wilson.

Student deacons for one year, Andrew Cunningham, Charles S. Hall, Bradley Harris, Robert Zaumzell, Deacons for two years, C. T. Duncan, Howard Hubbell, Tom Restin and Robert K. Smith.

Appointments by the executive committee were as follows: Pulpit supply, Dr. David R. Porter; prayer committee, Dr. Johnson; flowers, Mrs. Frank Bisson; membership chairman, Louis E. Smith. Mrs. Daisy Deming will be the chairman of the Women's Missionary committee.

Army and Navy Opportunities

Cong. Allen T. Treadway announces that there will be two vacancies at the U. S. Naval academy and one vacancy at the U. S. Military academy for the 1st Mass. district in the summer of 1941. The Congressman intends to have the U. S. Civil Service Commission conduct preliminary tests in the district on Saturday, Oct. 5, 1940, for the purpose of securing suitable candidates for the final entrance examinations to be given by the Navy and War departments in the spring of 1941.

Mr. Treadway hopes that all boys who are bona fide residents of the first district and who are interested in trying for Annapolis or West Point will prepare for the preliminary tests. Copies of the entrance requirements and full details may be obtained by sending a postal card to Cong. Allen T. Treadway, Washington, D. C.

Hostel Trips Limited In Plans This Summer

With the opportunity closed in Europe for hostel trips, because of war conditions, the announcements of tours by the American Youth Hostel, lists pilgrimages, on this hemisphere to the Americas, only. A sponsored group is being arranged for South America, including Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, and Peru. Another is planned for Mexico, with possibly one for Alaska. The usual trips to Canada, including Nova Scotia, Gaspé and Quebec are named with the railroad trips across the continent. No doubt, the New England loops will be well patronized.

They Paint Bleachers

The familiar bleachers on the playground baseball diamond have looked the worse for wear and weather and they badly needed a coat of paint. Well Dr. Wright, who is president of the Athletic Association with William D. Miller provided the paint, a vivid green. But who would put it on? Well finally a number of volunteers came forward to wield the paint brush and they did a good job, under the direction of that master painter, Harland Atwood. The bleachers look fine, and Secretary Johnson of the Athletic Association will give each volunteer an engrossed vote of thanks. However Mr. Johnson cautions all friends, not to sit on the bleachers until the paint is thoroughly dry.

Nearly Two Hundred At YMCA Convention Held Here At Hotel

Coming from all sections of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, nearly two hundred delegates registered at the Northfield Hotel last weekend for a three-day session, in which the membership of the various organizations was called to come to the aid of a world service, that with faith the future may be reconstructed upon the brotherhood of men. Ray Coombs, State Secretary was the guiding hand in the program of its activities. A comprehensive outline of the work to be undertaken by the Y during the coming year was considered and a platform adopted. James Lee Ellenwood, State Secretary for the Y in New York was the principal speaker. On Saturday evening the conference dinner was held in the hotel dining room and a group of Seminary and Mount Hermon students presented a musical program. The following officers of the State Committee were chosen for the ensuing year:—President, Theodore Giddings of Pittsfield; Vice-President, Kenneth B. Williams of Woburn, and Harold Connolly of New Bedford, Vice-Presidents. Allen E. Ellsworth of Greenfield, secretary.

Members of the state executive committee elected for a term of three years include: Roger S. Firestone, of Fall River; William E. Adams, of Boston; Stephen P. Allen of Brockton; H. B. Clark of North Adams; Allan C. Emery of Weymouth; Rufus F. Hale of Cambridge; Prof. Earle R. Hayward of Quincy; Arthur S. Johnson of Boston; Norman A. MacColl of Pawtucket; Arthur H. Starrett of Athol; Richard P. Towne of Holyoke, and Charles W. Tucker of Belmont.

This years program, unanimously adopted called for "The preservation of democratic government and safeguarding of civil liberties, improvement of race relations and strengthening of understanding and co-operating between religious groups, reduction of unemployment among youth, and a more effective solution of problems created by liquor, narcotic and gambling."

Bishop Lawrence Spoke To Hermon Students

Bishop W. Appleton Lawrence of Springfield was the speaker at both services at Mount Hermon school last Sunday. For the first time this year, the seniors were dressed in their caps and gowns, giving more than one of them a new sense of dignity and the idea that within weeks the baccalaureate will be held and on the 10th their graduation.

The Bishop used Jeremiah as the basis for his talk choosing three qualities of the great prophet that are very much in need today. The background of Jeremiah's time was the same as that of today, Bishop Lawrence stated. For ten or fifteen years, Jeremiah had gone up and down the land telling the people that, unless they changed their ways, they were doomed.

They took Jeremiah and put him into a concentration camp because of his harping of disaster. Soon, to their amazement, the enemy did come and did not stop until he was encamped all around Jerusalem. Then they let Jeremiah out of prison. Though they changed their ways somewhat, they still were not truly reformed.

So today in 1940 catastrophe is looming for those who do not change their ways. Prophets have been telling us of changes that are necessary, but few there are who listen.

In the midst of difficult times and on the brink of disaster, comes the voice of Jeremiah with his poise in the face of panic, his courage instead of caution, and his dependence upon God instead of upon things. His perspective is needed in a time when people are glued to the latest reports. We need to have a perspective of history; we need to work upon the things that last; we need to point out the needs of the present time, the cure of which will prevent catastrophe in the future.

Northfield Grange

Northfield Grange will hold a regular meeting next Tuesday evening. The chaplain, Mrs. Emory Rikert will have charge of a memorial service and there will be a mixed program.

Seven local members attended neighbors night at Union Grange in Belchertown last Tuesday evening and assisted in giving a program.

Memorial Day Plans Are Fully Completed Parade And Exercises

For the observance of Memorial Day in this town, the plans are fully completed and announced by the committee in charge, consisting of Dr. Richard G. Holton, Warren Whitman and Sidney Given. The exercises will take place in the morning and the parade will be led by the Greenfield High School band with Emory Rikert, Commander of the Haven H. Spencer post of the American Legion as Marshall. The parade will move to Town Hall for decoration of the Legion tablet and to Alexander Hall for the decoration of the GAR tablet and thence to the cemetery where the exercises will be held. The speaker of the day will be Rev. Dr. David Tomkins now a resident of this town. If the day is raining, the services will be held in the town hall. Citizens of the town are urged to attend and give their encouragement to the observance of the day. The completed program is as follows:

Singing, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Assembly; Reading, John A. Logan's Order, Commander Slate, S. of U. V.; Prayer, Dr. Benjamin F. White; Singing, Selections by school children, directed by Mrs. Marion Goodspeed; Reading, Northfield's Honor Roll, Commander Rikert, American Legion; Reading, Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Irving Scott; Address, Dr. David B. Tomkins; Singing, America, Assembly.

G. A. R. Memorial Service; Distribution of Wreaths by school children and Scouts; Volleys by American Legion firing squad; Taps and Recall.

Four County Women Of GOP Will Lunch

Republican women of the four counties of Western Massachusetts will hold a luncheon meeting at the Hotel Weldon a Pittsfield today (Friday) with Mrs. Margaret Torrey of Northampton, the newly elected president presiding. The guest speakers will be Mrs. Margaret Green of Holyoke, Mrs. Elizabeth Pigeon, and Miss Marian Martin, assistant chairman of the Republican National committee, who has been identified with the committee since 1936. Northfield will be represented at the gathering it is said.

Good Drivers League

The Ford Motor Co. has instituted a nation wide driving contest for boys of high school age, according to an announcement by Ross L. Spencer of Spencer Bros., local authorized Ford dealers. The rewards for records consist of 48 university scholarships, 96 free trips to the Worlds Fair, and championship cups to state and national winners. Boys of high school age may join the Ford Good Drivers League by securing an application blank at Spencer Bros, provided they are residents of the U. S.; if they are qualified to drive a car in their state; if they are not older than 19 years in August and not under 14 years. Following the receipt and approval of an application, a book on "How to become a skilled driver" will be furnished as a text book and all examinations will be based on a study of this book as well as actual physical driving. There are quite a number of local young men who are eligible and it will be worthwhile for them to consult Mr. Spencer.

Midget Auto Races

Elaborate preparations are being made at Northampton Speedway in the holding of midget auto races this summer, the first of which will be held on Decoration Day at one o'clock, with the gates opening at 1 o'clock. The first racing event will take place at 2:30. Prominent and well known midget auto racers have already indicated their intention to take part and a number of local enthusiasts expect to attend.

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Concert Was Success By Symphony Orchestra Appreciated By Many

The concert given in the Auditorium on the Seminary campus last Saturday evening by the Pioneer Valley Symphony, was given enthusiastic approval by the large audience of over 800 persons who had gathered. About sixty musicians were in the ensemble and their playing of the various numbers of the program as printed in last weeks Press won hearty approval. The symphony was conducted by Harold A. Leslie with Mrs. Roy D. Peterson as concert mistress and Dr. Hermon Livingstone as assistant concert master. Mme. Maria Gregoire, appeared as the artist on the program in piano selections which were brilliantly rendered and well received. Nearly 200 of Northfield citizens were sponsors for the concert, while Mrs. Russell Durgin, gave much of her time and effort to the success of the venture. This concert was the first given by the symphony outside of Greenfield, although its players come from various sections of the county. Already a demand is being made for its appearance in Northfield another season. It will be given an enthusiastic reception. Thanks are due to Mrs. Russell Durgin for her work in arranging for the concert.

Lower Phone Rates Effective July 1

The Department of Public Utilities in Boston, following a series of negotiations instituted by the department with the New England Telephone Company, announces reductions in telephone rates, amounting to \$330,000 to telephone users. The present reductions added to those of \$175,000 secured by the department last fall bring to more than a million dollars the savings gained for Massachusetts telephone users in the past six months.

Most important of the reductions involved is that in message toll rates, both in person-to-person and station-to-station calls. Under the new schedule it will be possible to talk from Boston to the most distant point in the state for 70 cents in the daytime and for 40 cents after 7 p. m. and on Sunday. Another item is the discontinuance of the 25 cent dial charge for dial equipped private branch exchange telephones.

The company has also agreed to extend reductions made last year in mileage charges for four-party customers adjacent to base rate areas, the newest reduction benefiting customers in 66 additional exchanges. All the reductions will become effective on July 1. Following are some of the rates: From Greenfield to Manchester, N. H., now 56c, proposed 50c; to Boston, now 60c, proposed 55c; New Bedford, now 80c, proposed 65c; Bangor, Me., now \$1.20 proposed \$1.05; and to Portland, Me., now 85c proposed 75c.

Pioneer Valley Plans Laurel Week in June

The observance of laurel week, started eight years ago by the Westfield River Parkway region, will be extended throughout the Pioneer valley from June 15 to June 22 this year.

Activities during the week will draw visitors from the cities, members of garden and conservation clubs, and parents of college students to this section. The Pioneer Valley association has conducted a campaign of advertising and publicity to make laurel week a festival week.

The week will open with the crowning of the laurel queen on Saturday, June 15, at Grandmother's Garden in Westfield.

Laurel week vespers have also been planned for Sunday, June 16, at 4 p. m. on Phelon hill in Granville.

Miss Lois Giebel is at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Giebel for the summer.

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BLACK UMBRELLAS

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high up above the town,
I scan the somber street when
e'er the rain comes down;
Gray skies gray clouds are not
a cheerful sight;
But black umbrellas turn day into
night.

If ever color's needed 'tis on a
rainy day,
And artist folk will tell you a

rare background is gray;
We need a dash of scarlet, a glint
of green and gold,
'Tis then we pray for rainbows to
unfold.

Oh, why when skies are weeping
should garments cry aloud—
Beneath a black umbrella gloom
clothes us like a shroud;
Why, that's the time for canopies
as gay as Joseph's coat,
And boutonnières would lend a

Church Services

TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. Stanley Carne

Sunday school at 10. At 11, special Memorial day service; sermon subject, "This World of Ours". At 2:30 Sunday school at the Farms and No. 3, followed by worship. At 6:45, C. E. meets. At 7:30, evening worship.

Tuesday at 7:45, Cottage prayer service.

Thursday at 7:30, prayer service, followed by choir rehearsal.

FREE METHODIST SOCIETY

The quarterly meeting of the Free Methodist Society will be held at the District No. 3 schoolhouse, next Monday and Tuesday evenings at 8 o'clock. Rev. L. H. Kelley, district elder of the N. Y. and N. J. area will be in charge. Alton J. Miner is pastor of the local society. All are invited to attend these services.

happy note.

I wish a swarm of fairies with
paints of every hue
Would steal all black umbrellas
and make them bloom anew;
Ah! then my chamber window,
high up above the town,
Would face upon a garden when
e'er the rain comes down.

—Unknown

PRESS ADS BRING RESULTS

TOWN TOPICS

The seminary senior class held its banquet at the Northfield Hotel Wednesday evening and enjoyed a full evening of class fellowship.

The county extension service will conduct a canning school for women at the High school this Friday afternoon at two o'clock. Prof. W. R. Cole of State college will specialize on the canning of asparagus.

Lawrence H. Lazelle, who has been confined to his home for several weeks with illness, is reported as being much improved.

Raymond Miller, who has been at his home here for several weeks since the termination of his connection with the CCC in Vermont has accepted reforestation work at Pepperell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schmadeke of Thompsonville, Conn., are at their cottage on Rustic Ridge.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt have returned home from a visit with their daughter and family at Lewiston, Me., last Monday. Mrs. Powell brought them back by auto and remained here overnight.

Miss Virginia Powell and Miss Purinton will graduate from Mt. Holyoke college on Monday, June 10.

Mrs. George Makepeace will move to the Levering home for residence recently occupied by the Marcy family. John H. Marcy has gone to West Boylston.

The final clinic for immunizing children against diphtheria will be held at the Town Hall on Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4 o'clock.

Miss Grace A. Derby of Asbury Park, N. J., has been engaged as director of vocal music in the high schools of Summit, N. J. Miss Derby has taken courses at Trenton State Teachers college and Columbia university and is a graduate of Northfield seminary.

Mrs. Walter Barrows of Birnam road, who has been ill, has gone to the Franklin county hospital for observation and treatment.

That splendid movie of "Edison the man" will be shown at Lathis theatre, with Spencer Tracy in the leading role, for four days beginning Sunday.

County WCTU Meet

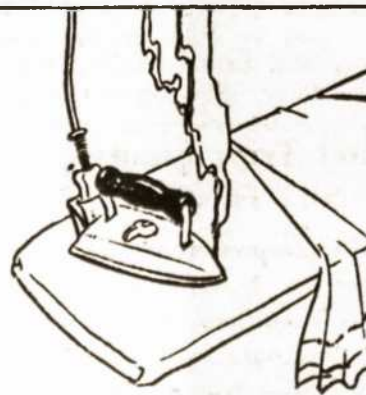
The county organizations of the WCTU held an all-day meeting in the North Parish hall in Greenfield on Tuesday. Mrs. E. M. Morgan of this town, county president presided and Mrs. N. Fay Smith of the Northfield WCTU led the morning devotions.

Mrs. Leon Nelson, treasurer, reported more than \$40 in the treasury. It was voted to purchase three educational films for use in churches and schools on the effect of alcoholic beverages.

Mrs. Lillian Wells of Greenfield conducted a discussion on Why We Not Repeal the Harrison Drug Act.

Mrs. Fred Kohler of Athol gave the afternoon address on The Value of Little Things. A film on the scientific basis of temperance made as part of the Frances Willard Memorial program, was shown as a demonstration of visual education. Luncheon was served at noon.

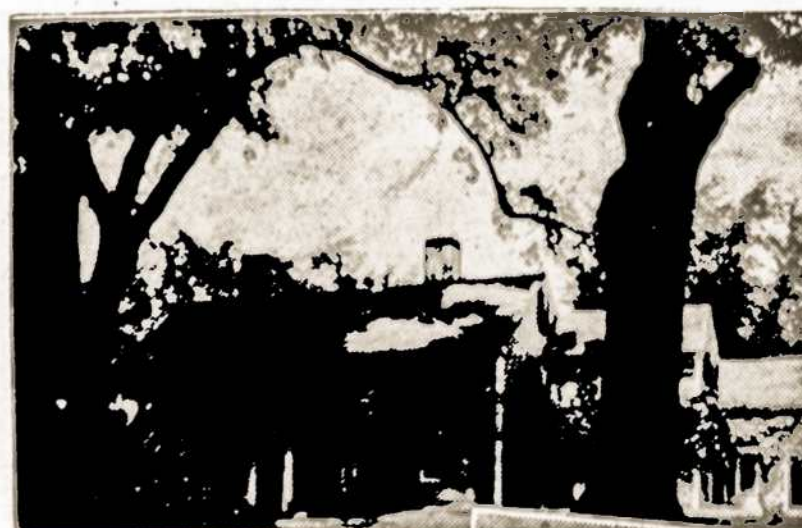
UNSAFE at HOME



Fire strikes while
the iron is hot

NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL

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But, there are a good many fine homes in Northfield just now that can be purchased for half their cost to build. A real opportunity exists for anyone to secure a substantial residence. This is not an advertisement but an urgent request to anyone interested to come to Northfield and select one of our available properties. Any local real estate agent will be pleased to show visitors these places.

THE FORD WAY OF DOING BUSINESS

The Ford Motor Company was founded by a working-man for working-men. Its present officers began as employees of the Company. It was the first company to pay a minimum wage, beginning in 1914, at the then astounding figure of \$5 a day. That was double the prevailing wage of the time. The Ford minimum is now \$6 a day for all employees engaged in production work. And from that, the wages rise to \$10.80 a day, with the average wage \$7.25, exclusive of salaried employees.

The Ford Motor Company was the first large company to establish the 8-hour day—also in 1914. And the 40-hour week was inaugurated by the Ford Motor Company in 1926, years before any such laws existed.

The Ford Motor Company employs men without regard to race, creed or color. It is common knowledge that working conditions in the Ford shops are the best that science and constant care can make them. A square deal, a just wage and stabilized employment for a large proportion of our employees—and as fully stabilized for all as conditions will permit—enable our men to retain their personal independence.

In consequence of these policies the Ford Motor Company has one of the finest bodies of employees in the world. The larger proportion are mature men of long

service with the Company—sober, decent family men. Hundreds of them have been with the Company for more than 25 years—thousands for more than 15 years. Their health record, home ownership and citizenship records are good.

All this is reflected in Ford products, whether cars, trucks or tractors. The work is honestly done. Materials are the best that can be made or procured. Less profit to the Company and more value to the customer is known throughout the motoring world as "Ford's way of doing business."

Henry Ford and Edsel Ford keep daily personal touch with all phases of Ford manufacture. In a conference with his staff, Henry Ford often says: "Go ahead—I'll sit here and represent the public."

Ford Motor Company was the first to make a motor car within the means of the average family—quitting the manufacture of what was then the largest selling model in the world to do so. Its chosen field in all the 30 years since that

time has been the average American family—for which it has consistently provided car facilities which formerly only the wealthy could buy.

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FORD MOTOR COMPANY



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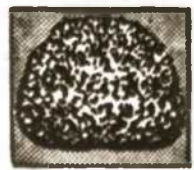
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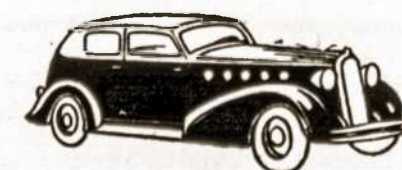
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TOWN TOPICS

Northfield selectmen joined with the selectmen of Warwick last week in perambulating the line between the two towns as required by law to check boundaries.

Mrs. Ray Thompson, president elect of the Fortnightly attended the recent state convention of the Federation of Womens clubs which was held at the Ocean House in Swampscott.

Eugene Lavelle has been discharged as a patient from the Farren hospital where he was taken with injuries received in a slide at the sand bank, several weeks ago.

Miss Harlene Carne will graduate from the class in special training in June at the Clark school for the deaf in Northampton. She is a graduate of the seminary, 1935 and from Wilson college, 1939.

Northfield young men who are members of Co. L, Mass. National Guard of Greenfield will attend the Army maneuvers to be held in up-state New York Aug. 3 to 31. During this time nearly one hundred thousand officers and men of the northeastern area will take part.

The funeral service for Frank B. Streeter was held last Friday afternoon at Kidders Funeral parlors and burial was in the Gill cemetery. His wife Mrs. Lillian Streeter is his only survivor. They were both deaf mutes.

Mrs. James Penfield and her two daughters of Pittsfield are visiting her father, James McGowan of Aldrich street.

Raymond Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Miller, who has spent a short vacation at his home has returned to his studies at Kalamazoo, Mich. His sister, Miss Doris Miller, accompanied him to Cleveland where she resumes her studies at Fenn college.

Mrs. Robert M. Moore of Philadelphia, with a friend, is spending a week at her cottage here in Mountain Park.

A very hopeful report comes, that the condition of Oscar E. Coburn, who had returned to the hospital for a second time at Orlando, is showing quite an improvement. No plans have been made as to his return to his cottage here on Myrtle street.

Mrs. Herbert F. Randolph of Main street is visiting her daughter, Miss Dorothy Randolph at Montpelier, Vt.

Owen Stacey has a very fine crop of asparagus, in his garden at his home in West Northfield which he is offering for sale.

Mrs. J. Lee Bolton motored to Syracuse this week, where she will meet her son Ernest, who having finished his studies at the university will return with her to the home here for the summer.

It is reported that the Makepeace property on Warwick road has been sold to Dean Williams, who buys for a permanent home. The Northfield postoffice has a new stamp cancelling machine installed, which does the job quicker than the old method of hand stamping.

Edward M. Morgan has purchased a section of land from Mrs. Anna B. Mattoon, west of the C. V. railway and north of land of Lizette Vorce, lying in the rear of the Mattoon residence.

John M. Anderson has sold to Frank B. Podlenski, a tract of 9.4 acres of land lying west of the Connecticut river on Bennett's meadow.

The Ladies Benevolent society of Northfield Farms will meet next Wednesday with Mrs. Charles E. Leach at Sunset Farm.

Mrs. Louise Barnes LaBella, who has been visiting her sister in Scranston, Pa., will arrive here soon to open her cottages on the Rustic Ridge.

Mrs. C. C. Stockbridge who has been in Florida this winter and recently visiting in Springfield has returned to her home on Highland avenue.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Bronson were in attendance at the East New York Methodist conference in Brooklyn last week and accompanied by Frank Ross they visited the Worlds Fair.

The tax rate just announced for Bernardston is \$23, a dollar lower than the rate of last year. Eleven towns of the 26 in the county now have made their report.

A regular meeting of the members of the local chapter of the Eastern Star was held in Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening. Following the business session and ritualistic work, there was an entertainment and refreshments. The committee who served were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker and Mrs. Ruth Marston.

Mrs. J. V. McNeil and Rev. Mary Andrews Conner are attending the meeting of the American Unitarian association being held in Boston this week. Miss Oler Doolittle attended the meeting of Alliance on Wednesday also in Boston.

West Northfield and South Vernon

The junior mission society will hold a food sale at Laplante's store Saturday.

Mrs. David Houghtalin and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brougham of Springfield were at the Vernon Home Saturday. Mrs. Houghtalin is remaining for the week.

Elmer Scherlin is substituting for Richard Steenbrugger on the mail route.

The large house on the former Belding farm has been rented to G. H. Kent of Jacksonville, Vt., who has moved there with his family.

Sunday, May 26, morning service at 10:30. Rev. Benjamin F. White will preach on "The Inspiration of Memorial Day." Ex-service men are asked to wear uniforms. Sunday school at 11:45. Loyal Workers at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Courtland Dunklee will sing. Mid-week prayer meeting at the Vernon Home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Barnes and daughters spent Wednesday afternoon in Jamaica, Vt.

Mrs. Dorothy Hilliard announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Irene Matosky to LeRoy MacPherson of Bangor, Me., on May 12.

Miss Marcia Beers is spending a few days in Oscala Mills, Pa. Mrs. Anna Woodard is at Stonehurst during her absence.

The South School P. T. A. held a social meeting at the school house on Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Willard and family of Manchester, Ct., and William Willard of Northampton were Sunday guests at L. B. Underwood's.

There was a card party at the Pond school Friday evening, with four tables. First prizes went to Joseph Arseneault and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, consolation to Mrs. Wm. Derrig, and door prize to Marguerite Scherlin. Hostesses were Miss Blanche Bushey and Mrs. John McGaffigan.

R. Edgar Bruce is modernizing Karl Sweet's dairy barn in Vernon.

There was a home demonstration meeting Tuesday at Mrs. W. B. Dunklee's. Mrs. E. P. Edson was leader.

Mrs. Clyde Reed of South Newfane, Vt., is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harold Gould.

Lois Gibson broke her collar bone in a fall Sunday and is confined to her home.

Sunday guests of Mrs. F. B. Holton were Mrs. Mary Lambson and son Rollin and Mrs. Snow Root of Huntington.

Burial services for Herbert E. Tyler of Holyoke, were held at the Tyler cemetery last Friday. He was a former resident of South Vernon. Was born in June 8th, 1867 and was brought up by Mr. and Mrs. Asa Tyler and lived at the place now owned by Richard Steenbrugger. Thirty-five years ago he removed to Holyoke, where he died last week Wednesday at the Holyoke hospital after a short illness. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and two grandsons. He was a member of Grace Congregational church in Holyoke and Rev. E. B. Robinson conducted the funeral.

Rev. and Mrs. Benjamin F. White were visitors in Quincy last Friday, attending a Masonic function.

Ralph F. Eldridge of South Vernon has been named as one of the alternates to possibly receive a scholarship to learn to fly by the Civil Aeronautics Authority. He has attended the recent ground school held in Greenfield.

There will be a missionary conference in the church, Friday (today) beginning at 10:30 a. m. There will be a basket lunch, with women of the local church providing coffee.

Mrs. Mildred Dunklee has charge of the children's day program June 9.

Mrs. George Day has returned from visiting relatives in New York City.

A. A. Dunklee was in New Jersey over the week-end to attend a meeting of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange.

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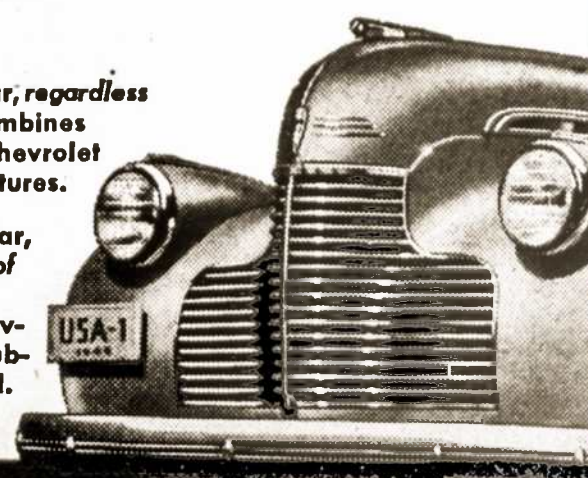
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EDITORIAL

"Little" Charlie Lindbergh has spoken, or should, I say "spook." Over the radio last Sunday, his voice appeared but I tuned him out. On Monday I read his remarks, and my thoughts went out to "poor Binney Wallace," in Aldrich's story of a bad boy. Binney ventured out in a small boat and was lost. And Aldrich recounting, said, "the rest of us have grown up, but you (Binney) are forever young." Poor little Charlie, now rich, for his experiences in life, won our applause, sympathy and honor, but now in life, his attempt to chide us and interpret our actions as Americans, falls short. No Charlie, we are not "hysterical" because we show in our emotions our spirit of patriotism as American citizens, and we dislike war as much as you. Don't try to tell us, where we get off, or get on. Just search yourself for faults. And by the way, didn't Hitler give you an iron cross?

If the record of my membership in the Pro Patria Society has not faded, it will at least attest to my service and devotion to everything that stands for America. In the school of my home town, there was no empty "salute to the flag" but there was instilled a thorough understanding of what America was, is and forever will be, and that we are its sponsors in unity, freedom and action. I was taught the meaning of patriotism. And now in these days of turmoil, when by reason of the tyrants oppression, of madmen gone wild, of cruelties and destruction, my patience becomes exhausted and the urge to help destroy the "beast" is uppermost. Would to

God that America might raise its head, and lift its hand to stay the wanton murder and bloodshed of men across the seas and compel that men and nations shall dwell in peace and lay aside the sword. War is a costly experience. What can my America and yours do?

The Back Yard Gardener

By G. O. Olson

I am so befuddled this morning that I can hardly write. For several days in a row now we have had sunshine, at least part of the day. I uncovered my strawberries today, but there really was no need for it. While they were showing signs of growing, they hadn't gotten far enough along to need the open air. Strawberries you know, need not be uncovered until the growing shoots underneath the mulch begin to show yellow. And then the thing to do is to take off just enough straw to allow the plants to come up thru. Leave as much straw as possible on the rows so that you will have a mulch to conserve moisture and make a bed for the berries, thus keeping them somewhat freer from dirt splashed up by the rain. I also gave my lawn a good bit of lawn fertilizer. Ordinarily I try to get this on earlier, but this year there simply didn't seem to be any opportunity or at least there was no inclination. Spring fertilizer should go on the lawn the middle of April.

This late spring brings up another point which I think should be watched; namely, that you shouldn't be too impatient with your perennials. They are rather slow in starting, particularly in a cold location. I was already to dig up my phlox bed when I noticed one tiny shoot starting to come, so I think I'll wait another week or 10 days and then I'll be certain that the plants are alive or dead. I have also found that during the early spring time is the best time to get after weeds. Some of them started last fall after we lost the gardening spirit and others of them will start mighty soon. And now when the ground is soft is the best time to yank them out. You want to check especially after you have used mulch to see that the straw or hay or whatever you used didn't bring in new weeds which may become a pest if thoroughly established.

Another thing I did during the past week was to transplant and divide my chrysanthemums. I

think most folks are too tender hearted when it comes to handling plants. I have watched Dave Arnold and other real expert gardeners, and I'd swear that no plant could survive the going over they give them. But chrysanthemums and numerous others certainly do seem to do better when divided and transplanted each spring.

Watch your delphiniums and thin them down to 3 or 4 shoots or spikes, depending of course on how many you have in the original clump. The point I'm trying to make is that you will get better results by having about half the number of shoots, just as I mentioned last week about peonies. There simply isn't enough strength in most roots to produce to perfect all the flowers that will set.

And now here is an answer to a question which came to me the other day, and I think is quite universal. Why don't lilacs of the valley bloom? There are several reasons why these pretty little flowers fail. They prefer a spot which is rather shaded and with plenty of moisture. Another reason is that they may be in the ground too deep. The tips, as they are called, should be about one-half and not more than one inch below the surface of the ground. Also they may need to be dug up and divided and replanted, and sometimes food is a great help.

Safety At Home

"Safe at home" is hardly a true slogan unless the home is an orderly one, for more accidents occur in homes than on streets and highways or in factories. Mrs. Harriet J. Haynes, Mass. State College home management specialist, recommends that housewives consider every possible safety measure as they put their homes in order after the turmoil of spring cleaning. She cites figures to show that falls account for some 47 per cent of all home fatalities, and that dwelling fires have increased 43 per cent during the past ten years.

Stairs used for storage, slippery floors and rugs, defective screens, and defective porch railings are some of the most common causes of home accidents. But worn electric cords, over-loaded electric circuits, sooty chimneys, accumulated rubbish, and unlabelled containers of poison are also on the taboo list in a safe home.

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Fire precautions, also, are mainly a matter of neatness and order. Carelessness and defective equipment are responsible for most fires. A fire extinguisher is essential in every home, and it should be kept in good working order.

Mrs. Haynes' leaflet on Safety in the Home, which includes a 32-question safety survey form, is available without charge to residents of the state, who write Mrs. Harriet J. Haynes, State College, Amherst, Mass.

The N. E. Fellowship Announces Program For 1940 Season

At Rumney, N. H. this summer, the New England Fellowship will conduct a full program of conferences through July and August. Through the mails, friends of the Fellowship have received copies of the new circulars and a personal, assures the reader an active season. The Public School Teachers Institute will be held June 24 to 30; Institute for Church Leadership, July 1-12; American Sunday School Union, July 13-19; Youth Conference, July 20-26; Business and Professional Mens Conference, July 27-28; Conference for pastors and Christian workers, July 29-Aug. 2; Conference of Christian women, Aug. 3-9; General Conference, Aug. 10-26; Family conference, Aug. 26-Sept. 2. From June 29 to Aug. 24, two camps will be conducted, one for boys and one for girls. The Fellowship will gather together a most imposing list of speakers for the conferences and the outlook for this year is most bright for a large attendance. Mornings and evenings are devoted to the subject of religious life and effort while the afternoons will be devoted to physical relaxation.

The buildings and grounds of the Fellowship are fully adequate for the conferences. There are acres of pine, a beach on the river and an attractive small lake. The establishment is on a permanent basis. Those who desire further information regarding the conferences, the list of speakers, or accommodations for living, should write to the New England Fellowship, 5 Park Street, Boston, for their circular and complete details.

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